

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Restriction Requirement dated November 14, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on December 14, 2006. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Claims 1-53 are pending in the application. Claims 1-17, 26-41 and 50-51 remain pending following entry of this response. Claims 18-25, 42-49 and 52-53 have been cancelled. Applicants submit that the amendments and new claims do not introduce new matter.

Claims 1-53 stand restricted under 35 U.S.C. 121 as follows:

Group I Claims 1-17, 26-41 and 50-51 drawn to subject matter directed to methods of query processing, classified in class 707, subclass 3.

Group II Claims 18-25, 42-49, and 52-53, drawn to database schema or data structure, classified in class 707, subclass 100.

Applicants elect, without traverse, the claims of Group I (claims 1-17, 26-41 and 50-51) for examination.

Having addressed all issues set out in the Restriction Requirement, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted, and
Signed pursuant to 37 CFR 1.4,

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